

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2792

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Development of Floating Restaurants on Krishna River

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to attract investors, both big and small, to change the face of Amaravati City and project it as an international tourist destination and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has designed a slew of world class projects like floating restaurant on the pristine waters of the Krishna river and development of Bhavai Island which has been equipped with all the trappings of a picnickers' paradise and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to introduce a floating restaurant and introduction of ferry services in Buckingham canal in Vijayawada city to develop it as a tourists' paradise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has organized the Incredible India Tourism Investors' Summit from 21st – 23rd September 2016 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, with the objective of attracting large investments and presenting to potential investors tangible, investment-ready projects in the different States/Union Territories of India. During the Summit, 86 MOUs were signed by the State Governments of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

For the development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched two schemes in 2014-15 viz. Swadesh Darshan – Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD – Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive. Projects under both the Schemes are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Under the PRASAD Scheme, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs.28.36 crore during 2015-16 for the development of Amravati town in Guntur district as a tourist destination.

Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, Ministry of Tourism as on date sanctioned a total amount of Rs.130.21 crore to the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh under the Coastal Circuit for the projects listed below:-

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Name of the Project/Year of sanction Amount sanctioned (Rs. in crores)
Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh in 2014- 15.
69.83
Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore in 2015-16. 60.38
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